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Dear Sir, I am just a lonely consumer who has been using a computer for about 15 years. I have done my best not to buy Microsoft products, which is practically impossible, because I do not believe that there should be such a monopoly as Bill Gates is building. In every interview I have seen and books I have read on Bill Gates, he comes across as this very caring person - certainly he is trying to show that through his foundation contributions. But, I certainly understand his feeling now "that this is fair and let's just get it behind us." Let's slap this man on the wrist again and tell him to go forth and sin no more. Do you really believe that he and Steve B. are concerned about the consumer and not just themselves. I think this is an ego game for Gates, certainly it is not that he needs the money, but the power is more important. It is scary to see what he will be able to do by controlling access to e-mail, the network, music and games. We are having problems in Pennsylvania now because we allowed a monopoly on electricity believing that there would be a watch dog and the utilities would play fair. Please consider what you are expecting from Microsoft and issue the strongest ruling that does not expect that "they will be play nice." Nothing in the past indicates that they will play nice without severe sanctions and without the be forced not to put other people out of business with their control. I look forward to reading a ruling that will do this. Thank you for reading this e-mail. Sincerely, Penny and Glenn Sass